

REMARKS

Applicant notes with appreciation the well-reasoned Office Action mailed November 17, 2004. This amendment is submitted in response thereto. By way of this amendment, Applicant affirms the election as to species II (corresponding to Figures 3 and 4). By way of this amendment non-elected invention claims 4-6, 8, 9 and 12 have been withdrawn. Based on the election and continued prosecution of claims 1-3, 7, 10, 11 and 13, the currently stated inventorship remains correct. Support for the correction of Figure 3 and amendments to the specification are found in the claims as filed as well as application Figures 1 and 5. As such, it is submitted that no new matter has been added to the application by way of this amendment.

Claims 1, 3 and 10 currently stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Solomon et al. (US 2003/0025316) in view of Ristow et al. (U.S. 1,861,136) and Funk et al. (U.S. 6,269,169). Claims 2, 7 and 11 currently stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Solomon et al. in view of Ristow et al., Funk et al. and further in view of Prescott et al. (U.S. 6,805,459). Lastly, claim 13 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Solomon et al. in view of Ristow et al., Funk et al. and further in view of Heinze III (U.S. 6,047,802).

In addition to the above claim rejections, claim 7 was objected to as lacking antecedent basis for "said securement". Consistent with the Examiner's suggestion, claim 7 has been amended to depend from claim 2 rather than claim 1 and as such, antecedent basis is believed to now be found for "said securement."

Remarks Directed to Rejection of Claims 1, 3 and 10 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) Over Solomon et al. in View of Ristow et al. and Funk et al.

Solomon et al. is cited for the teachings provided in Figures 1-3 that includes:

indicia readable under light having a wavelength of between 350 and 400 nanometers, see paragraph [0015], and an ultraviolet light

source/flashlight (see figures 3). . . . Solomon et al. does not disclose whether a first ink readable under visible light is provided on the stationary and the use of the light emitting diode as the light source. Ristow et al. shows in figures 1-3 a stationery article in the form of a greeting card that includes a first ink (the pictures and words in figures 1 and 3) readable under visible light. In view of the teachings of Ristow et al. it would have been obvious to one in the art to modify Solomon et al. by placing a first ink readable under visible light onto the stationery/greeting card since this would make the stationery/greeting card more aesthetically pleasing and would allow a desired message to be conveyed to all viewers of the stationery/greeting card. Funk et al. discloses in column 4, lines 54-55 the idea of using light emitting diodes as a ultraviolet light source. (Paper No. 5, page 5, last paragraph).

Applicant submits that the use of the “ultraviolet light emitting diode flashlight having a light source consisting of: a single light emitting diode and having a light emission of between 350 and 400 nanometers” affords a surprising benefit over the prior art combination of record. The importance of a light source makes the claimed greeting card a practical item whereas the light source producing ultraviolet illumination according to the prior art reference combination represents a size and complexity that would render a greeting card according to the prior art combination impractical. Applicant agrees with the characterization of the teachings of Solomon et al. with the exception that (a) the ultraviolet “lamp or light fixture” [0012] lacks the portability and dimensions so as to be construed as a flashlight; and (b) Solomon et al. teaches ultraviolet illumination with a wavelength of between 350 and 380 nanometers as opposed to 350 and 400 nanometers.

Applicant notes that the problem Solomon et al. attempts to overcome is drawing attention to the diary or journal [0002]. The notion that one skilled in the art would be motivated to include visible light printed indicia per Ristow et al. onto the stationery of Solomon et al. to make it aesthetically pleasing and allow the desired message to be conveyed to all viewers of the

greeting card is submitted to be contrary to the purpose of Solomon et al. in providing a diary that appears empty to viewers other than the writer. In other words, Solomon et al. fails to provide a motivation to include indicia visible under ambient light which draws attention to the diary. To do so also either diminishes the ultraviolet ink writing area or requires a writer to overwrite visible ink markings. Applicant submits that the only motivation to combine visible and invisible markings in the context of a greeting card is found in the pending application. Funk et al. fails to provide a motivation for placing visible ink indicia onto an ultraviolet ink indicia covered surface and as such fails to rescue the prior art reference combination. Since hindsight reconstruction is an improper basis for an obviousness rejection, it is submitted that claims 1, 3 and 10 are nonobvious over the prior art reference combination of Solomon et al. in view of Ristow et al. and Funk et al.

Additionally, the ultraviolet light emitting diode flashlight as recited in independent claim 1 reduces the size and complexity as compared to the lamp or light fixture according to Solomon et al. In the context of a greeting card, longevity of a flashlight is not an issue. Rather, the ability to reasonably package an ultraviolet light in an envelope and at a cost commensurate with a disposable greeting card are features associated with the present invention not found in the prior art reference combination. The notion of leveraging the teaching of Funk et al. to replace the ultraviolet lamp according to Solomon et al. fails to achieve the attributes of the claimed invention since Funk et al. only recites the use of **an array** of light emitting diodes to generate ultraviolet light (column 4, lines 54-55 of Funk et al.). As a result, replacing the light bulb of Solomon et al. results in an array of light emitting diodes that necessarily requires a larger housing, greater battery supply and increased cost relative to an inventive ultraviolet emitting

flashlight having a single light emitting diode. This is believed to represent a separate basis for the nonobviousness of claims 1, 3 and 10 over the prior art of record.

On the basis of the above remarks, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 3 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Solomon et al. in view of Ristow et al. and Funk et al. is requested.

**Remarks Directed to Rejection of Claims 2, 7 and 11 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)
Over Solomon et al. in View of Ristow et al., Funk et al. and Prescott et al.**

Applicant hereby incorporates by reference the above remarks with respect to Solomon et al. in view of Ristow et al. and Funk et al. On the basis of these remarks and the dependency of claims 2 and 7 from independent claim 1, it is believed that these claims are likewise directed to patentable and allowable subject matter.

Applicant submits that the prior art reference combinations fails to yield the claimed invention of claims 2, 7 and 11 not only for the reasons recited above but also based on the fact that Prescott et al. fails to teach the adherence of the light source to the substrate having the printed indicia thereon. Rather, Prescott teaches the adherence of the light source to the book cover and not the book page as would be required to satisfy the limitations of the pending claims.

As such, it is submitted that the prior art reference combination fails to yield the invention as claimed. As the claim limitations not founding the prior art are entitled to patentable weight consideration, it is submitted that pending claims 2, 7 and 11 are nonobvious over the prior art reference combination of record. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 2, 7 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Solomon et al. in view of Ristow et al., Funk et al. and Prescott et al. is requested.

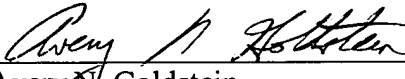
**Remarks Directed to Rejection of Claim 13 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)
Over Solomon et al. in View of Ristow et al., Funk et al. and Heinze III**

Applicant hereby incorporates by reference the above remarks with respect to claim 1, the subject matter of which is incorporated into claim 13 by reference as a basis for the allowability of claim 13. As Heinze III fails to bolster the teachings of Solomon et al., Ristow et al. and Funk et al. with respect to a motivation for placing visible ink indicia onto an ultraviolet ink indicia stationery or to provide a simple and small UV flashlight, it is submitted that claim 13 is nonobvious over the prior art reference combination. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection as to claim 13 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Solomon et al. in view of Ristow et al., Funk et al. and Heinze III is requested.

Summary

Claims 1-3, 7, 10, 11 and 13 are the claims pending in this application. Each claim is believed to be in allowable form and directed to patentable subject matter. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and the passing of this application to issuance are solicited. Should the Examiner find to the contrary, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney in charge of this application in order to resolve any remaining issues.

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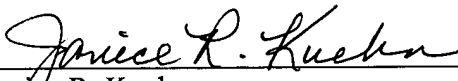
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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Replacement sheet 2 is provided including corrections to Figure 3 specifically including the inclusion of a fold line 55 and third ink indicia that when visualized under ultraviolet illumination affords a different color relative to the other UV visualized ink present.